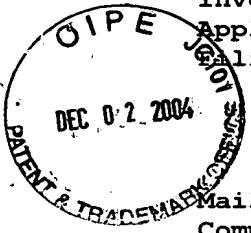


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

**Sir:**

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.   X   Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 15, 2004.
2.        Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on                                 .
3.   X   Enclosed is/are

Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.

\_\_\_\_ Affidavit(s) /Declaration(s) .

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

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X Other (identify):


Petition For An Extension Of Time Of Two Additional Months, including a check in the amount of \$870.00 fee for the extension of time of two additional months.

4.            Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5.     X     A check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed.

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- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
- X   Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

- Respectfully submitted,

  
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